Description:

The mission of the Idaho Board of Nursing is to regulate nursing practice and education for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

- License qualified persons for the practice of nursing.
 - A. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule Examination (RN/PN)

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
407/184	326/175	310/166	365/153
	Projecte	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
340/130	320/110	320/110	320/110

B. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Endorsement

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
698	717	737	734
	Projected	l Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
650	600	600	500

C. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Reinstatement

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
126	103	90	126
	Projecte	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
100	90	90	90

D. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - APPN licensure.

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
67	86	92	88
	Projected	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
80	80	80	80

E. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Renewal

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
RN 9,405	PN 3,043	RN 10,529	PN 5,697 PN 2,736 A-197
	Projected	l Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
RN 6,500 PN 800 AN 500	RN 6,000 PN 1,700 AN 200	RN 6,000 PN 750 A 500	RN 6,000 PN 1,700 AN 200

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- 2. Define and regulate nursing practice at all levels.
 - A. Investigate complaints received and initiate action as appropriate/consistent with Board policies/rules.

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
80	70	63	71
	Projecte	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
75	75	75	75

B. Administer program for recovering nurses. (*Outside contractor) (New enrollees and continuations)

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
85	55	68	76
	Projected	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
80	80	80	80

C. Administer the contract for training/testing/registry for Nursing Assistants. (Active/Inactive)

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
11,800	11,625/12,156	11,571/13,424	11,249/15,253
	Projected	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
11,423/15,313	*	*	*

- 3. Regulate educational programs preparing nurses for practice at all levels.
 - A. Survey, review and approve nursing education programs based on established criteria (surveys/approvals).

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
14 visits	6/19	11/17	4/18
	Projected	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
3/17	3/13	3/13	3/14

- 4. Obtain and exchange of information related to licensure, practice and education.
 - A. Collaborate in the development, implementation, evaluation, of strategies. Facilitate communication between the Board of Nursing and consumers. (Number of Meetings/Program attendance)

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
27	30	27	54
	Projected	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
35	35	35	35

B. Increase access to nursing-related information. (Number of Meetings/forums conducted)

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
28	23	19	22
	Projecte	d Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
25	25	30	30

C. Provide public access to practitioner data (PFI/HIPDB).

	Actual	Results	
1998	1999	2000	2001
		667	800
	Projected	l Results	
2002	2003	2004	2005
1,00	1,200	1,500	1,500

Program Results and Effect:

The Board:

- 1. Licenses qualified persons for the practice of nursing through processes of initial licensure by examination and endorsement; and through processes of ongoing licensure by renewal and reinstatement.
- 2. Defines and enforces scope and standards of practice for licensed nurses, investigates complaints alleging violations of these standards and initiates disciplinary action when appropriate.
- 3. Provides an alternative to disciplinary action for those licensees whose practice may be impaired due to chemical dependence and/or mental illness, and who may safely return to active practice under conditions of strict monitoring.
- 4. Evaluates educational programs preparing nurses for practice at all levels to assure consistency with established criteria.
- 5. Exchanges and provides information related to licensure, practice and education to assure that the licensees, employers and health care consumers are informed about provisions of nursing-related statute and rules.
- 6. Educates staff and members about key issues impacting nursing regulation in Idaho to assure that decisions made by the Board are based on up-to-date information, research and state/national trends.

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